

ESSB 5396 - H AMD TO H COMM AMD (5396-S.E. AMH CB H2745.1)
By Representative Dunshee

1 On page 8, line 9 of the amendment, after "owned." strike all
2 material through "purpose." on line 13

3 On page 17, line 12 of the amendment, after "owned." strike all
4 material through "purpose." on line 16

5 On page 17, line 32 of the amendment, after "owned." strike all
6 material through "purpose." on line 36

7 On page 26, after line 14 of the amendment, insert:

8 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 18.** (1) The interagency committee for
9 outdoor recreation, the department of fish and wildlife, the
10 department of natural resources, and counties shall work together
11 to obtain necessary information to complete a report on the fiscal
12 impact of payments in lieu of taxes provided for in this act.

13 (2) The report shall include a financial analysis determining
14 the difference by county, for those counties having less than
15 thirty percent of their total land in private ownership, of
16 assessing property taxes on lands acquired under this chapter by
17 state agencies based on one hundred percent of a property's true
18 and fair value compared to assessing property as open space under
19 chapter 84.34 RCW. The analysis shall also compare the fiscal
20 impacts of using these different property tax rates by those
21 counties for existing game lands held by the department of fish and
22 wildlife and natural areas managed by the department of natural
23 resources.

24 (3) The interagency committee for outdoor recreation shall
25 provide the report to the appropriate committees of the legislature
26 by December 1, 2005."

Correct the title.

EFFECT: Removes the requirement for state agencies acquiring land with funds from the Riparian Protection Account, and for the Department of Natural Resources acquiring any natural areas or natural resource conservation area lands under the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program, to pay property taxes at 100 percent of true and fair value in counties having less than 30 percent of land in private ownership. Directs the Interagency Committee for Outdoor Recreation to work with stakeholders to research and report findings to the Legislature comparing the fiscal impacts to counties of using different property tax rates on certain lands acquired under the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program.